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Expressing support for United States participation in the Sixth
Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOFFEL (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. BERMAN) submitted the
following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on
International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for United States participation in the
Sixth Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference.

Whereas the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear
Weapons (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the
“Treaty”) entered into force 30 years ago on March 5,
1970;

Whereas the original 43 signatories to the Treaty have in-
creased to 187 signatories;

Whereas in 1995 the signatories agreed to extend the Treaty
indefinitely;

Whereas the Treaty institutionalizes the commitment of the
nonnuclear states not to acquire nuclear weapons;

Whereas the Treaty is the irreplaceable foundation for international efforts to curb and eliminate the proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the United States, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the People's Republic of China have reaffirmed their commitment under the Treaty to the ultimate goal of elimination of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the testing of nuclear weapons in South Asia by 2 countries that have not adhered to the Treaty is cause for renewed attention to the dangers of nuclear proliferation;

Whereas the violations of the Treaty by Iraq and North Korea are matters of grave concern for all Treaty members;

Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Treaty and alerting the United Nations Security Council of any violation;

Whereas Iraq's secret nuclear program, revealed in the aftermath of the Gulf War, demonstrated the need by the International Atomic Energy Agency for additional authority and means of information collection and inspection;

Whereas in the years since the end of the Gulf War the International Atomic Energy Agency has made remarkable progress in strengthening its global nuclear safeguards system, and is acquiring new verification authority through the Additional Safeguards Protocol now being ratified by individual Treaty parties; and

Whereas the Sixth Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference will take place in New York from April 24th to May 19, 2000: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring),* That the Congress—

3 (1) reaffirms its support for the objectives of
 4 the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear
 5 Weapons and expresses support for all appropriate
 6 measures to strengthen the Treaty and to attain its
 7 objectives;

8 (2) expresses its support for—

9 (A) strengthening the international
 10 verification system operated by the Inter-
 11 national Atomic Energy Agency;

12 (B) a budget for the International Atomic
 13 Energy Agency that is adequate to fulfill that
 14 agency's international security responsibilities;
 15 and

16 (C) early ratification by all Treaty parties
 17 of the new additional safeguards protocol; and

18 (3) calls on all parties participating in the Sixth
 19 Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference to make
 20 a good faith effort—

21 (A) to ensure the success of the Con-
 22 ference;

1 (B) to affirm their commitment to the obli-
2 gations of the Treaty; and

3 (C) to recognize the indispensable value of
4 the Treaty to the peace and security of all na-
5 tions.

